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In re Application of:

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For: BIOLOGICAL FLUID
FILTER AND SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the first paragraph beginning at page 1, line 2 with:

This application is a 35 U.S.C. 371 of PCT/US99/22478, filed September 29, 1999.

This application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional patent application 60/102,973, filed October 2, 1998, which is incorporated by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Replace the claims indicated with:

4. (Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the first filter element comprises melt-blown fibers.